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MEETING PLACE: Ludwigshafen, Ottweiler
str 37.
DATE OF MEETING: 20 Jul 64
TIME OF MEETING: 1930 2030

ZTRUE: Karl HAMEL

DATE OF INFO
DATE OF REPORT: 21 Jul 64

Assessment and developing a
reporting asset in BASF

I. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

Next meeting would be during the first week in November 1964.

II. PRODUCTION

N/A

III. OPERATIONAL

Subject was very much surprised to see R, since he sent a letter to the "Unit" about being unable to do translation for the US Army. R in turn stated that he got just into Frankfurt and was unable to check thru his mail. R also suggested to discuss the matter inside, and not in the garden, where S was watering the flowers. S agreed, and further conversation took place in the living room. His refusal to do translation, S based in the fact that such an activity will be the violation of a contract which he signed with "a firm". R in turn suggested that no contract will be signed, and hence S's contract with BASF will not be violated. S swallowed the mentioning of the firm and finally agreed that a few pages per month he will be able to do for us. R stated that the materials will be mailed to him in ca 3-4 weeks.

With this part settled, R stated that "other people" within the Army would be very appreciative if S would contribute to their effort utilizing his experiences in Japan and in Norway. (See DIR-34449, 11 Jul 64 and EGST-287, 13 Jul 64 which are attached to this report for your information). R pointed out also, that S's experiences with highly professional people like Herr MESSINGER would be of great value. S reacted very quickly to this, stating that he was personally acquainted with Sorge, and the following half an hour was devoted to Sorge case. Subject stated: "as an old professional to a young professional (meaning R) he (Subject) does not believe that R did not get his letter and R's explanations were a professional necessity. (Note: R did not get the letter even on 21 Jul 64). R answered that even if the letter would have been received, R would come to see S anyhow. Other spy cases of WWII were mentioned briefly.

R then asked about S's accessibility to foreign visitors at BASF. Answer: S is in contact with Japanese engineers, since he is the only one in the firm who can speak the language. However, as soon as the new building will be finished within the BASF compound, S will move in and at this time he believes that he will be in contact with the Russians, i.e. with engineers on TDY at the firm and also with representatives of the Sov. Trade mission visiting the place. If this will be so, S agreed to discuss various personalities, however, he wanted to make sure that no questions about BASF's dealing with the Soviets will be asked. R agreed to this.

S mentioned two individuals who are in constant contact with Soviets:

Dr.
R.K. MUELLER (believed to be Rudolf K. MUELLER, home phone: Heidelberg 30957)
a former BASF employee now on pension)

Dr. Nikolaus von KUTEPOW residing in Ludwigshafen

IV. COMMUNICATION

Subject has our address: [] Programs Advisory Group, APO 757: US Forces and perhaps he will again try to mail us a letter.

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V. ADMINISTRATIVE

N/A

VI. TRACES

Pit traces and service traces will be requested. on MUELLER AND KUTEPOV

VII. CONCLUSION

R suggests to mail a few pages for translation until the November meeting. At this time S's access to Sovs will be established and it is hoped that S will not change his mind to discuss various personalities.

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